

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Emily Reynolds, Secretary of the Senate; and Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Gilbert Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development, and Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine high risk areas in the management of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and Robert J. Henke, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense(Comptroller).

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, ARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James, III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, USNR, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and

Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, USAFR, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Home Loan Bank System, focusing on changes and current issues affecting the system, including the promotion of housing and community development generally by making loans, also known as advances, to member financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; George L. Engelke, Jr., Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association, Lake Success, New York, on behalf of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York; Paul Clabuesch, Thumb National Bank and Trust Company, Pigeon, Michigan, on behalf of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis; John Edward Norris, III, Plantation Federal Bank, Pawleys Island, South Carolina; Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Martin Eakes, Self-Help Credit Union and Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation: Senators Burns (Chair), Stevens, McCain, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Smith, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, DeMint, Rockefeller, Inouye, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine: Senators Lott (Chair), Stevens, McCain, Burns, Hutchison, Snowe, Smith, Allen, Sununu, Vitter, Inouye, Rockefeller, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Science and Space: Senators Hutchison (Chair), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, Nelson (FL), Rockefeller, Dorgan, Nelson (NE), and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard: Senators Snowe (Chair), Stevens, Lott, Smith, Sununu, Vitter, Cantwell, Inouye, Kerry, and Lautenberg.

Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development: Senators Smith (Chair), Stevens, McCain, Burns, Ensign, Allen, Sununu, DeMint, Vitter, Dorgan, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness: Senators Ensign (Chair), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Hutchison, Allen, Sununu, DeMint, Kerry, Inouye, Rockefeller, Dorgan, Nelson (FL), and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance: Senators Allen (Chair), Stevens, Burns, DeMint, Vitter, Pryor, Inouye, and Boxer.

Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts: Senators Vitter (Chair), Stevens, McCain, Snowe, Lautenberg, and Kerry.

Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction: Senators DeMint (Chair), Stevens, Smith, Vitter, Nelson (NE), Cantwell, and Nelson (FL).

National Ocean Policy Study: Senators Sununu (Chair), Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Smith, DeMint, Vitter, Boxer, Inouye, Kerry, Cantwell, and Lautenberg.

JUNK FAX TRANSMISSIONS PROHIBITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Kirsch, Propel Software Corporation, San Jose, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 728, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with amendments; and

The nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator, and Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resource Management, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, and Michael Butler, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, focusing on textiles, rice, sugar, worker rights and labor standards, environmental provisions, and the World Trade Organization (WTO), receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, Acting U.S. Trade Representative; Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association, Big Sandy, on behalf of sundry organizations; Terry Harris, Stuttgart, Arkansas, on behalf of the USA Rice Federation and the U.S. Rice Producers Association; Jack Roney, American Sugar Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Mark Berlind, Kraft Foods, Inc., Northfield, Illinois; John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, Washington, DC.; J. Keith Crisco, Asheboro Elastics Corporation, Asheboro, North Carolina; Patricia A. Forkan, Humane Society International, Gaithersburg, Maryland; and Mark Levinson, UNITE HERE!, New York, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 21, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act;

S. 494, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel; and

S. 501, to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia.

INDIAN HEALTH

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine the status of Indian health care issues, focusing on health disparities, access to health care, Community Health Aide Program

(CHAP), Urban Indian health, Indian self-determination, mental health and substance abuse services, and related provisions of the Medicare Modernization Act, receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Director, Gary J. Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, W. Craig Vanderwagen, Acting Chief Medical Officer, all of the Indian Health Service, and A. Kathryn Power, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; H. Sally Smith, National Indian Health Board, and Georgiana Ignace, National Council on Urban Indian Health, both of Washington, D.C.; Rachel A. Joseph, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation, Lone Pine, California; and Anslem Roanhorse, Jr., The Navajo Nation Division of Health, Window Rock, Arizona.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SECURING ELECTRONIC PERSONAL DATA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing electronic personal data, focusing on striking a balance between privacy and commercial and governmental use, focusing on laws currently applicable to resellers of consumer information, commonly known as "data brokers", after receiving testimony from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Larry D. Johnson, Special Agent in

Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Douglas C. Curling, ChoicePoint Inc., Alpharetta, Georgia; Kurt P. Sanford, LexisNexis Group, Miamisburg, Ohio; Jennifer T. Barrett, Axiom Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Douglas, PrivacyToday.com, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

FEDERAL AND STATE MARRIAGE INITIATIVES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine judicial activism regarding federal and state marriage protection initiatives, focusing on the Defense of Marriage Act, after receiving testimony from Lynn D. Wardle, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, Utah; Gerard V. Bradley, University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; and Kathleen Moltz, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 1587–1627; 1 private bill, H.R. 1628 and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; H. Con. Res. 131, and H. Res. 212 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 902, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, amended (H. Rept. 109–39);

H.R. 458, to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel (H. Rept. 109–40);

H.R. 525, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small busi-

nesses with respect to medical care for their employees (H. Rept. 109–41);

H.R. 798, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, amended (H. Rept. 109–42); and

H. Res. 211, providing for consideration of S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (H. Rept. 109–43).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Curt Dodd, Senior Pastor, Westside Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: